

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Faith and Hope.

Oh, don't be sorrowful, darling!
Now, don't be sorrowful, pray;
For, taking the year together, my dear,
There isn't more night than day.
It's rainy weather, my love, oh!
Time's wheels they heavily run;
But, taking the year together, my dear,
There isn't more cloud than sun.

We're old folks now, companion;
Our heads they are growing gray;
But, taking the year all round, my dear,
You always will find the May.

We've had our May, my darling,
And our roses, long ago;
And the time of the year is come, my dear,
For the long, dark nights and the snow.

But God is God, my faithful,
Of night as well as of day;
And we feel and we know that we can go
Wherever He leads the way.
Ah, God of night, my darling!
Of the night of death so grim;
And the gate that from life leads out,
Good wife, to good life.

Is the gate that leads to Him.
—Rembrandt Peale.

Chi Epsilon Entertains.

The Chi Epsilon Literary Society of Richmond College held an open meeting in the Philological Hall Friday evening. The faculty of the college was out in full force, and many other friends of the society attended.

Miss Julia Barnes, the newly-elected president, called the meeting to order and introduced Professor J. Calvin Metcalf, who addressed the society on "George Eliot, the Poet." His beautiful diction and pleasing address held the close attention of his audience.

After the literary part of the programme, dainty refreshments were served.

The Chi Epsilon Society is composed of the following students of the college: Miss Julia Barnes, president; Miss Letitia Willis, vice-president; Miss Peachy Harrison, Noland Hubbard, Hattie Smith, Helen Baker, Isabel Walker, Rachel Loveston, Sadie Engelberg, Elizabeth Williamson, Mary Hawes Tyler, Mattie Brown, Bertha Knapp, Minna Thalhimer, and Isabel Harris.

Among the guests were President and Mrs. Boatwright, Professor and Mrs. Whitsett, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Ryland, Professor and Mrs. Harris, Professor Winston, Mrs. S. C. Mitchell, Mrs. R. E. Gaines, Dr. W. L. Foushee, Dr. Robert Stewart, Dr. Whitfield, Mrs. Basil Gwatney, Miss Cora Briggs, Miss Florence Young, Miss Maria Bristow, Miss Knapp, Mrs. T. Newton Walker, Miss Ace Engle, Miss Daisy Winston, Miss Florine Thalhimer, Miss Julia Ryland, Miss Edith McCarthy.

Fraternity at Home.

Iota Chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha was informally "at home" to a few friends in the fraternity hall at Richmond College on Friday afternoon. Mrs. Basil Gwatney, chaperoned. Delicious refreshments were served and the occasion proved most enjoyable.

Whist Tournament.

The February whist tournament will be played Friday evening, February 24, in the Woman's Club, at 115 o'clock. Members may invite gentleman or non-resident ladies as parties.

Annual Mass Meeting.

The annual mass meeting of the Huguenot Society will be held next Sunday evening, February 25th, at the First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Dr. James Y. Fair, for some years the beloved pastor of Grace Street Presbyterian Church, and now of Savannah, Georgia, will deliver the address.

Twelfth Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Siva Richardson celebrated their twelfth anniversary at 8:30 o'clock Thursday evening last, in their home, No. 216 O Street. The parlors were prettily decorated in palms and ferns. Vocal and instrumental music was rendered by Mrs. Ludwell Miller, Messrs. C. W. Bradley and John Baker. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Satterwhite, Mr. and Mrs. George Burkert, Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Burnett, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Allison, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Ludwell Miller, Mrs. S. Burch, Mrs. H. C. Powers, Mrs. W. J. White, of Norfolk; Mrs. Mary Freeman, Misses Lina and Mary Richardson, Hester Blunt, Elsie Allen, Elsie Freeman, Josie Cox, Messrs. J. H. Bryan, C. W. Bradley, John Baker and Otway Bass.

Personal Mention.

Miss Nanie Nalls Holladay, of Rapidan, Va., is visiting Miss Pauline Grant at No. 146 Grove Avenue.

Miss Mamie Vincent and her brother, Ben S. Vincent, left Wednesday last to pay a two weeks' visit to friends in Baltimore and New York.

Dr. Eugene Bratton and Messrs. Henry Conant and Thomas B. Burch, of Chincoteague, spent a part of last week in Richmond.

Mr. Barrett, representing the Standard Oil Company, was removed with his family to Martinsville, Va.

The graduating class of the Episcopal Female Institute Hall, Winchester, Va., were entertained on Wednesday night last, at an elaborate banquet. After the banquet numerous contests were engaged in. Misses Maxwell and Compton being winners of first and second prizes.

Mrs. Edward Wright is expected to arrive in Richmond from Tappahannock today. She will be with her mother, at No. 216 East Franklin Street.

Miss Harriett Shoemaker, of Newport News, is visiting relatives in Petersburg and Richmond.

Miss Bessie Jones has returned to the city after spending some time visiting friends in Bowling Green, Va.

Mrs. I. M. Bussels, of Wilcox Church, Lancaster county, Va., who has been the guest of Mrs. R. H. Harwood, has gone to Reedville, Va.

Mrs. C. S. Luck, of Ashland, was in Richmond this week.

Misses Bette G. Garnett and Mary Burton, of Urbanna, were in the city last week.

Miss Annie Broadus has returned to her home in Caroline county, after a visit to Richmond.

Mr. W. B. Dougherty, of Berkeley, was a visitor to the city recently.

Miss Essie Dunn has returned to her home in Caroline county, after a visit to friends here.

Mr. E. O. F. Merrill and Mr. F. A. Merrill, of Onancock, Va., who are at the Memorial Hospital, are improving rapidly and expect to return home this week.

Miss Leah S. Talarferro, of Gloucester

Poems You Ought to Know.

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Professor Charles Elliot Norton.

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TO MILTON

By WORDSWORTH.

The portrait, biographical sketch and autograph of this author have been printed in this series.

MILTON! thou shouldst be living at this hour:
England hath need of thee; she is a fen
Of stagnant waters; altar, sword, and pen,
Fireside, the heroic wealth of hall and bower,
Have forfeited their ancient English dower
Of inward happiness. We are selfish men;
Oh! raise us up, return to us again;
And give us manners, virtue, freedom, power.
Thy soul was like a star, and dwelt apart;
Thou hadst a voice whose sound was like the sea:
Pure as the naked heavens, majestic, free,
So didst thou travel on life's common way,
In cheerful godliness; and yet thy heart
The lowliest duties on herself did lay.

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NEW STATISTICS OF THE RAILWAYS

American Railroad Men Earn Nearly Three Times As Much As British.

TABLE OF COAST LINE RIGHT

The Commercial Travelers Are Making Things Hot for Pennsylvania Railroad.

The following interesting facts regarding the railroads of the United States have been taken from a pamphlet compiled by Mr. Sisson Thompson, of Chicago:

Total mileage of all Europe 12,553 miles;
total mileage of United States, 300,000 miles; private cars in United States, 211-12 locomotives (1904), 46,745.

Number of employees of railroads in United States (91 per cent. only):

Class.	Per cent.
General officers	1,955
Other officers	4,933
General office clerks	2,748
Station agents	31,323
Other station men	117,613
Engineers	60,411
Firemen	53,421
Conductors	37,624
Other trainmen	102,418
Mechanics	44,512
Carpenters	32,322
Other shopmen	168,048
Section foremen	31,264
Other trackmen	24,672
Switch tenders, crossing tenders, and watchmen	41,240
Telegraph operators and dispatchers	70,135
Employees—account floating equipment	3,452
Total employees and laborers	1,275,705
One road not distributed	4,737
Total	1,280,442

Daily average compensation of employees: General officers, \$14.88; other officers, \$6.17; general office clerks, \$2.26; station agents, \$1.96; other station men, \$1.72; engineers, \$4.46; firemen, \$2.29; conductors, \$3.54; other trainmen, \$2.31; mechanics, \$2.61; carpenters, \$2.25; other shopmen, \$1.52; section foremen, \$1.79; other trackmen, \$1.52; switch tenders, crossing tenders and watchmen, \$1.78; telegraph operators and dispatchers, \$2.20; employees, account floating equipment, \$1.17; all other employees and laborers, \$1.84; all employees, \$2.06.

British railway employees number 581,841, their yearly compensation averaging \$24, against a yearly average of \$33 in the United States railway service.

The railway accidents for 1905 were as follows:	Killed.	Injured.
Passengers	336	8,245
In accidents to trains	119	3,869
Employees	1,322	28,380
Other persons	1,069	6,932
Trespassers	4,931	4,933
Not trespassing	570	2,408
Total	8,833	82,514

With Atlantic Coast Line Railroad stock selling at 144, the new stock subscription rights, which were issued at \$5.15, as shown by the following calculation:

Sold Atlantic Coast Line at 164, \$18,400
Subscribe for 100 new stock at par, 10,000

Value of 1,000 rights	Value of Rights.
155	5,272
156	5,368
157	5,464
158	5,560
159	5,656
160	5,752
161	5,848
162	5,944
163	6,040
164	6,136
165	6,232
166	6,328
167	6,424

Twenty-One German.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WILLIAMSBURG, Va., February 18.—The German Club in this city, which was organized by the T. W. C. A., has given a party at the Dickinson Bank.

About thirty couples danced until two, and refreshments were served at twelve. Excellent music was furnished by Smidt's Orchestra, from Newport News. The Twenty-One German Club is made up of members of the El Kappa Alpha and Kappa Sigma fraternities, and a few young men from the town.

CURIOUS TANGLE IN THEIR WANTS

Some Insist on Aid to High Schools, Others Urging Normals.

WARRING AMONG THEMSELVES

Those Fighting for Normals Cannot Agree on Locality—Interesting Sparring Going On.

Beneath the surface, but none the less clearly defined, a sharp fight is being waged in the General Assembly between the advocates of the normal school proposition on the one side and the pleaders for State aid to high schools on the other, the prize provoking the contention being some thousands of dollars of the public money.

Originating in a curious manner the struggle has developed a curious turn that might, without any extraordinary straining of the imagination, be further described as an almost hopeless tangle. The utmost that any normal school enthusiast even hopes to accomplish is a system containing three new schools, and yet there are nearly as many as a dozen localities clamoring for one, each with its senator and delegate upon the ground to press the fight. Here lies the crux of the trouble. Working in combination insofar as concerns anything that seems likely to interfere with the normal school proposition in general—such as the high school bill—these dozen senators are split into a dozen factions when it comes to determining details—such as locations. And while for fear it will divert a portion of the money they hope to get for themselves, they block the high school bill, and then continue the sparring inter non for the plums, there is danger, apparently not small, that in the upsurge the plum-tree itself will be uprooted and nobody get anything.

Its Days Are Numbered.

Twenty-two days, including four Sundays, it is recalled in this connection, remain of the session, and it is now almost, almost beyond question, that there will be neither an extension, without pay, for an extra session with pay. The members, as might be supposed, are averse to the one, and the Governor, as heretofore, stated, is unwilling to the other. Within the twenty-two days, or eighteen, more properly speaking, the General Assembly by unremitting toil, may, perhaps, succeed in disposing of about one-tenth of the business spread out before it; the remainder will go by default. Fights mean delay and delay means certain death in the maelstrom. Two bills were passed in the Senate yesterday and none on the day before. On each day at least a dozen new bills were introduced.

Incident in Senate.

Attention was formally called to the matter by Mr. Strode, of Amherst, on Friday, at which time reference was made on the floor of the Senate to the alignment dividing the high school and the normal school forces.

The occasion for the incident was the reception from the House of Delegates of a bill it had just passed appropriating \$50,000 annually for the benefit of the high school system. This bill is almost identically the same as that introduced in the Senate by Judge Mann, of Nottingham. The Mann bill has been reported favorably by the Senate Committee on Public Institutions and Education. The same committee has reported in favor of three normal schools, with an appropriation of \$50,000 for each. Both of these propositions, since they called for the expenditure of money—high schools, \$50,000; normal schools, \$150,000—went then to the Finance Committee, where they are now, and where, it is claimed, the high school bill will fare badly.

When the House high school bill, already passed by the lower branch, came over, the opportunity it offered for a flank movement on the normal school forces was at once seized. It was pointed out by the Amherst senator, who is an ardent high-school man, holding that before the normals are established, the needs of the high schools, which are to them, should be secured, unless both could be accomplished at once, which seems impossible unless the number to be erected is reduced, that within the brief remainder of the session the General Assembly would find it utterly impossible to consider anything like all the bills before it. The necessity, therefore, of insuring action upon at least the matters of vital importance, are considered very urgent.

The people of Virginia expected road laws and school laws, and if the Assembly had to sidetrack every other bill on the calendar it should act at once upon these two.

At this preliminary, Mr. Strode proceeded to attempt to wrest the high school bill from the Finance Committee, which he seemed to consider necessary to insure its safety. Leaving the Mann bill to its fate he endeavored to have the Senate committees at once discharged from consideration of the bills before it, and to have the latter placed upon the calendar at once. After a short but sharp fight the movement failed. The Senate agreed to discharge the Committee on Public Institutions and Education, to which the bill would have first gone, but set its foot down there with the result that the bill now reposes in the Finance Committee alongside the Mann bill. After some sparring Mr. Strode made a plain statement of the situation as he viewed it.

Warring Among Themselves.

"It is an open secret here," he declared, "that there is a fight on between the normal school people and the high school people. There are about a dozen senators who want a normal school, and not more than three at the utmost, and perhaps not more than one will be established as long as there is a prospect for any at all each of the dozen has 'hopes' and all are working for normals and opposing anything that might divert the money necessary to inaugurate the system."

We think \$50,000 a year very little for State aid to high schools, but facing this combination we are afraid that we will be overwhelmed and will not get even that. Therefore I want this bill taken from the committee and placed on the calendar so that we may get one bill on the floor where I think we have some hope for success. A majority of the Finance Committee are in favor of normal schools. I understand that the committee is unfavorable to the high school bill.

I do not know where the senator from Amherst received his information," said Mr. Wolkham, of Hanover, chairman of the committee, "and I think I may with propriety state that these mat-

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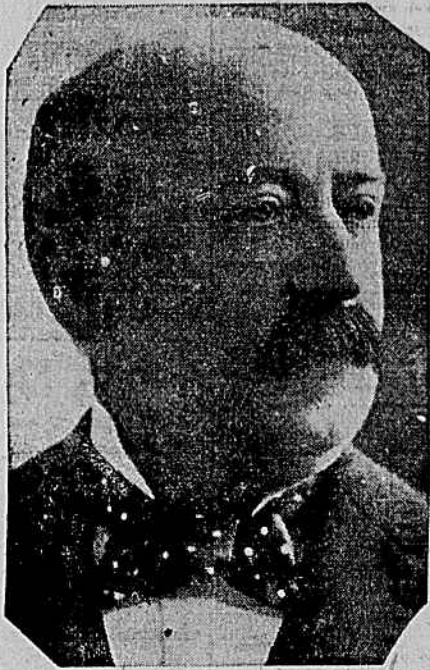
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First Wife Divorces Sewell, Annuling His Second Marriage



(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., February 18.—In a flying visit to her lawyers in this city yesterday, Mrs. Barton Sewell, wife of the millionaire president of the American Smelting and Refining Company, disclosed the fact that she has just secured a remarkable marital victory in the Supreme Court of New York.

Not only has Mrs. Sewell secured an annulment of the decree of divorce obtained by Sewell in Knoxville, Tenn., about two years ago, but she has obtained a complete victory over her more youthful rival, Mrs. Sewell No. 2.

In an absolute decree quietly handed down in the New York court, the judge who tried the tangled Sewell case makes the divorced Mrs. Sewell No. 1 a wife, and then a divorcee again in almost the same stroke of a pen. He decides:

That Millionaire Sewell obtained his divorce from Mrs. Sewell No. 1 illegally, and that, consequently, the union between them has never been legally interrupted. That when Millionaire Sewell married Miss Elizabeth Ritchie, of Montclair, N. J., about one year ago, he did so illegally, and that consequently the millionaire has been living with her illicitly ever since. The judge decides that the fact he has declared this to be so is sufficient ground upon which to award a divorce to Mrs. Sewell, and he makes the award forthwith.

There have not been considered, yet at all in the Finance Committee.

"I will state," added Mr. Shackelford, of Orange, addressing Mr. Strode, "that I am in favor of the high school bill, but I am not in favor of your proposal to take the matter out of the committee."

As stated Mr. Strode lost his fight, and the bill went to the Finance Committee after all.

It must not be understood as being asserted here that all the advocates of normal schools are fighting high schools, or that any of them would be opposed to State aid for high schools if the normal school question did not exist.

No canvass has been made of the dozen. The situation has simply been explained as it developed on the floor of the Senate. The high school forces think high schools should be served first; the normal school forces think normal schools should be served first and the high school forces assert that the normal school forces control the Finance Committee and intend either to kill the high school bill or cut the appropriation in half. Here enters the question of the other fight among the normal school advocates themselves.

"I am very much interested in the normal school question," said a well-known Senator yesterday. "I want one of the schools for my district. But, in a hopeless tangle. There is a double fight going on—first against anything interfering with normal schools and secondly over the normal schools themselves. Every man wants one of the schools but if he can't get one his interest disappears and he is disposed to oppose the general proposition, hoping that by the time it comes up again his chances will be better. In my judgment we are in a muddle and the prospects for any normal schools is very gloomy."

LIKED MR. MELTON.

Young Virginian, Now of Georgia, Makes Fine Impression.

The Augusta, Ga., Herald prints the following very interesting story about young Virginian, now of Georgia: To feel in a heartfelt manner and to express sympathetically all the admiration it is impossible to withhold from such a man, Augusta does not need an incentive to appreciation the laudatory comments made on Dr. Sparks W. Melton and his work by the papers in every town in which his brilliant ser-

A SALOON-KEEPER BROUGHT TO BOOK

Struck and Kicked a Salvation Army Lass in His Saloon.

MADE AN ABJECT APOLOGY

Prayed Court for Leniency on Account of Age and Previous Good Record.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ASHVILLE, N. C., February 18.—Judge Allen, in the Circuit Court, Thursday fined A. R. Featherstone, a local saloon-keeper, \$100 and costs for an assault on Mrs. Wiggins, a member of the Salvation Army, and wife of Adjutant Wiggins, in charge of the Salvation Army headquarters in this city. After imposing the fine, Judge Allen informed the defendant that not even his age would have been sufficient to keep him from prison, for his brutal conduct, had he not already apologized to the lady and made amends to her for her injuries, and she had pleaded in his behalf.

This is the culmination of a case which has attracted considerable attention. Some months ago Mrs. Wiggins entered Featherstone's saloon, on North Main Street, a number of ambulance in her hand proceeded to solicit contributions on behalf of the Salvation Army. She was ordered out by Featherstone, and upon declining to leave was forcibly ejected by Featherstone, who struck and kicked her. The saloon-keeper was arrested for assault, and after a preliminary hearing, the case was set for trial. Mrs. Wiggins brought suit for damages in the sum of \$10,000, but upon Featherstone tendering an abject apology, and making amends the private prosecution was withdrawn.

The Board of Aldermen took up the matter Tuesday night, and after a long session Featherstone's saloon license, but upon representation of his attorney that this action would have an influence upon the suit then pending against Featherstone in the criminal court, the matter went over. To-day the matter was called. Featherstone pleaded guilty, and presented a statement through his attorneys, showing that apologies and pecuniary amends had been made and humbly praying that on account of his age, and previous good record as a person of citizen he be given all possible leniency.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

A Terra Cotta Pipe Falls on King George Citizen.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., February 18.—A farmer's institute was held at Port Royal on a Rappahannock River March 1st, beginning at ten o'clock, under the supervision of Hon. J. H. C. Beverley, of Essex county, member of the State Board of Agriculture, from the First District. A number of addresses will be delivered. Mr. Beverley will also hold an institute in this city the following day, Friday, March 2d. The farmers are looking forward to the event with much interest.

The farm in Stafford county, near this city, belonging to W. K. Squires, has been sold, together with the stock and implements on the farm, to Joseph Rasmussen of Philadelphia, Pa., for the sum of \$10,000.

Mr. Frank Owens was severely injured a few days ago at his home in the city, by a terra-cotta pipe falling on his head.

Colonial Entertainment.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FREDERICKSBURG, Va., February 18.—The Betty Washington Lewis Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, of this city, will hold an entertainment Tuesday night, February 27th, which will be colonial in character. In addition to supper and refreshments, vocal and instrumental music will be leading features of the evening, and the proceeds will go towards the Virginia column for the south portico of Continental Hall, to be erected in Washington by the D. A. R. The student body of Fredericksburg College has elected a Mr. Samuel Woodbridge, Miss Isabelle Williams and Mr. Woodrow Hassell delegates to the fifth international convention of the student volunteers movement at Asheville, Tennessee, February 23d to March 4th. Mr. H. H. McLean, and Miss Margaret Howland are the alternate delegates. The expenses of the delegates will be provided by the students and their friends.

Wholesale Chicken Thief.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RALEIGH, N. C., February 18.—What may well be termed a wholesale chicken thief has just been arrested and committed to jail here in the person of Henry Brown, a young negro. Under his house he had constructed a mammoth chicken coop that would hold 250 chickens, being so constructed as to not be detected in any casual investigation. Large numbers of chickens had been stolen from the Methodist parsonage and from numerous private houses in that section of the city lately and special work by the police led to the unearthing of the place. A big tub of dressed fowls, ready for the market, was found when the place was raided, and also many live chickens.